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- 25X1 1. The following recent deployment of units of the Chinese Communist Army (CCA) form the basis for projected deployments outlined in paragraphs 2 and 3:
- The 12¹ and 13¹ Army Groups (AG) of the 4 Field Army (FA) have moved to the Shantung Peninsula,² and part of the force will soon go to Manchuria.
 - Troops of the 4 FA previously stationed in Kiangsi are concentrating in Wuhan, and part are going to Manchuria. Their garrison duties have been taken over by the 21 AG,³ which has reached Wantsai (114-27, 28-07) en route to Nanchang.
 - A part of the 15 AG of the 4 FA is moving toward the Kwangtung-Kwangsi border.
 - The 11 AG of the 3 FA has already taken defensive positions along the Kiangsu coast.⁴
 - A part of the 9 AG of the 3 FA has reached Canton from Shanghai.⁵
 - Two armies of the 8 AG, 3 FA, have arrived in Foochow.
2. In view of the possibility of a third world war, Chinese Communist authorities are redeploying the CCA as follows:
- All FA troops will be assigned to border defense except those on garrison duty or charged with special combat or training duties.
 - The 1 FA will send an additional army to the Sinkiang-Tibet border, increase the strength of second-line reserves and place one army in a position to assist in an invasion of Tibet.⁶
 - The 2 FA will place two armies from south Szechuan and Kweichow under the 4 AG of CH'EN Keng in order to strengthen defenses along the Yunnan

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border. Pro-Communist guerrillas in Yunnan will be organized as soon as possible into regional troops to take over local garrison duties from the 2 FA. Two armies which will be used in the Tibet invasion will remain in Sikkim.

- d. The 3 FA will deploy one AG for defense along the coast from Jihchaohsien (119-27, 35-26) to north Kiangsu. Another AG will have defense of the region from Pootung to the Chekiang-Fukien border. Two AGs will be placed along the Fukien coast ready for the assault on Taiwan. Two armies will be responsible for the defense of the southeast Kwangtung coast.
- e. The 4 FA will send one AG to Manchuria. Two armies of the AG will take up defense duties along the coast from Antung to Hulutao, and another army will be stationed with FA troops previously in Manchuria on the China-Korea border between Yenchi (129-31, 42-55) and Antung. Another AG will be sent to the Shantung Peninsula to take up defense duties from the border of Hopei to Jihchaohsien. One AG will be stationed at the Kwangsi border, and a mobile force with the strength of two armies will be concentrated at Hengyang and Wuhan.
- f. The 20 AG, which is assigned to North China, will strengthen defensive positions along the Hopei coast, with defense posts extending from the north to meet the area of responsibility of the 4 FA.

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- a. One army of the 1 AG, 1 FA, will take up production activities in Sinkiang; one army will take up garrison duties; and one army will be used as a reserve for the Sinkiang border. One army of the 2 AG will guard the Sinkiang border. The entire 3rd and 19 AGs and two armies of the 2 AG will provide four armies for garrison duty in Shensi, Kansu, Ninghsia and Tsinghai; three armies for productive activities, including railway and highway repair and construction; and one army for duty in Tsinghai to assist in the attack on Tibet. The 18 AG, still assigned to the 2 FA, will be used for garrison and defense duties in the Chengtu area and in the border area of Kansu, Shensi and Szechuan.
- b. The entire 4 AG of the 2 FA, with two additional armies which will be placed under its command, will be responsible for defense of the south Yunnan border. The 5 and 6 AGs, except the two armies assigned to the 4 AG, will take up garrison duties in Szechuan, Kweichow and Sikkim, and hold two armies in readiness for combat in Tibet.
- c. The 7 AG, 3 FA, will have the defense of the Chekiang coast; the 8 AG will be responsible for the Fukien coast; the 9 AG will station two armies in Shanghai and its outskirts in order to maintain public security and to defend Pootung; the 10 AG will defend the Kwangtung-Fukien coast up to the area held by the 8 AG, and will cooperate with the 8 AG in the attack on Taiwan; and the 11 AG will defend the coast of north Kiangsu.
- d. The 12 AG of the 4 FA will defend the Shantung Peninsula. The 13 AG may go to Manchuria to be incorporated with troops of the Northeast Military District. The 15 AG will defend the Kwangtung-Kwangsi coast (sic). The 14 and 16 AGs will concentrate four armies in Wuhan and Hengyang as a mobile force, and two other armies will take up garrison duties in Honan and Hopei. The 17 AG will garrison the Kwangsi border, and the 21 AG will garrison Kiangsi and Hunan.

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